

IDAHO ATHLETIC COMMISSION
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
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Conference Call Minutes of 10/1/2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kyle Jared Wills - Chair
Kip Dribnak
James W Grow, Jr

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas Fleming
Kaleb Redden
Blake Richardson

DIVISION STAFF: Dawn Hall, Section Chief
Nicholas Krema, General Counsel
Rob McQuade, Rules Coordinator
Lizzie Kukla, Team Lead

OTHERS PRESENT: Juan Mariano, Promoter, Mountain Force MMA
Tom Supnet, Head of Officials, MMA Referee

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM MDT by Kyle Jared Wills.

LAWS AND RULES

Mr. McQuade gave an update to the Commission on the proposed rules. The proposed rules, which were discussed at the negotiated rulemaking meeting on June 23, 2020 were published with proposed revisions discussed in the September 16 Bulletin. Changes discussed at this meeting would be included in the pending changes published in November.

BOARD BUSINESS

Commissioner Wills ensured that all meeting participants had access to the proposed rules document, as well as the documents to be incorporated by reference. These documents were available on the Commission's web site under the "proposed laws and rules" tab, and by email upon request. Commissioner Wills read a summary of describing the proposed changes. The summary is as follows:
SUMMARY OF RULES CHANGES

The purpose of rewriting the administrative rules of the Idaho Athletic Commission is to bring the Commission to current industry standard and simplify the Rules, making them user-friendly. It benefits all parties involved when administrative rules are current, and easy to understand.

The process for rewriting the rules begins by improving the organization of the rules. The rules are reordered to address licensing matters; ringside physicians' qualifications and role; prohibited substances; contractual and business matters; admission, facility, and equipment matters; weigh in, event preparation and process; MMA Rules and Regulations; Boxing Rules and Regulations; and Wrestling Rules and Regulations, in that order.

In addition to addressing organization, the Commission looked for outdated, prohibitive, and costly requirements to eliminate or modify. The Commission added a new fee for amateur combatants to reduce the cost for those combatants who are not being paid.

The administrative rules of Idaho Athletic Commission incorporate three documents by reference, which allows the Commission to incorporate a document outside the Rules without having to add that material to the text of the rules. The first document is the [2019 Unified Rules of Mixed Martial Arts](#), from the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports. This document's incorporation brings the Rules for Mixed Martial Arts in Idaho up to current industry standard. The second document incorporated by reference is the [Unified Rules of Boxing](#), from the Association of Boxing Commission and Combative Sports, as amended August 3, 2016. This document updates the rules and regulations for boxing contests and will bring Idaho up to the current industry standard. The final document incorporated by reference is the [USADA 2020 Standard Prohibited List](#). The Standard Prohibited List enacts a universal standard of prohibited substances for combatants in Idaho.

For more information, please visit the [Commission's website](#) to see a link to the [Proposed Rules of the Idaho Athletic Commission](#).

Mr. Wills said he believes the Commission is headed in the right direction with these changes and asked for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mariano offered a comment that he would to see these rules followed more closely, especially in relation to combatants turning in license requirements on time, while making exceptions for last-minute injuries, which cause a promoter to find a new combatant to keep the bout card numbers consistent with original bout number.

Mr. Mariano stated he would like to see Idaho mirror Utah's law and rule, which requires blood work every 12 months rather than every 6 months.

Mr. Supnet made comments in support of the documents incorporated by reference from the Association of Boxing Commission and Combative Sports, which implement rules and regulations Idaho currently uses to judge MMA competitions.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wills adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM MDT.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KW', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kyle Wills, Commissioner
Idaho Athletic Commission